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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11, amend claims 7 and 15.

### 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A protector pad for use with a piece of  
5 furniture with legs, said pad comprising a generally flat body with two  
opposite pad faces:  
- a lower pad face (22) which is soft, destined to slide against delicate  
surfaces without scratching them and,  
- an upper pad face (26) destined to be fixed to the bottom of said leg  
10 (28) of said piece of furniture, said flat body being constituted of two  
pieces: a base (32) and a sole (34); said base comprising a fabric (38)  
with a superior face forming said upper pad face and an inferior face (36)  
comprising first means for assembly; said sole comprising a lower layer  
(46) whose inferior face ~~forms~~ defines said lower pad face (22), a central  
15 layer (48) comprising a reinforced material (48) and an upper layer (42)  
with a superior face (43) comprising second means for assembly to  
assemble said sole (34) to said base (32), wherein said first means for  
assembly comprise a plurality of grabbing member hooks (36) each  
member hook providing a shear resistance in all directions, said  
20 reinforced material (48) in said central layer comprising a felt  
impregnated by a hardened material coming from a group comprising an  
injected latex.

8. (Original) The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said second means of  
assembly (42) comprise fibers forming arches (44).

25 9. (Previously presented) The protector pad of claim 8 wherein the  
material of said upper layer (42) of said sole (34) comprises a felt the  
fibers thereof forming said arches.

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10. **(Original)** The protector pad of claim 9 wherein said felt comprises materials from a group comprising polyester and natural fibers.

11. **(Canceled)**

12. **(Previously presented)** The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said superior layer (42) and inferior (46) layers are made of felt material.

13. **(Original)** The protector pad of claim 12 wherein said felt material consists either of polyester or natural fibers.

14. **(Previously presented)** The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said reinforced material is hardened felt.

10 15. **(Currently amended )** The protector pad of claim 7 wherein said grabbing member hooks (36) providing a high shear resistance are of ~~have~~ a mushroom shape of a height shorter than a corresponding height of a J shape hook (58).